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## VIRGIN ISLANDS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS ANNOUNCES EXTENSION TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts (VICA) has extended the deadline for the American Rescue Plan 2021 grant. Applications are open online at vicouncilonarts.org and will now be accepted until **November 5th, 2021.** 

This grant provides funding for COVID related costs to **established art organizations** such as: salary support, fees/stipends for contractual personnel, facilities costs such as rent and utilities, costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff, visitors, and audiences and costs associated with marketing and promotion.

Eligible art organizations must be in existence and active in the V.I. for a minimum of two years at the time of application, must have an active DUNS number registered on SAM.gov, must have current non-profit status registered in the office of the Lt. Governor, must submit an organization's W-9 form, must have a tax exemption identification number and must have submitted a final report form if previously funded by VICA.

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